

3.07 JESUS HEALS PEOPLE

MARK 10 & LUKE 17

Jesus and His followers didn't live in one place. They didn't have a house. They traveled all the time. Every day they had all the food they needed. Every night they had a place to sleep. God always made sure they had everything they needed. That way, Jesus could go from town to town teaching and healing people.

One day, Jesus and His followers were in the town of Jericho. As they went down the road, there were lots of people following them. There was a man at the side of the road named Bartimaeus. He could not see. He was blind. But he could hear. He heard the people talking about Jesus, so he cried out, "Jesus! Have mercy on me!" The people told him to be quiet and not bother Jesus. But he cried out again louder, "Jesus! Have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped on the road and said, "Tell him to come here."

The people said to Bartimaeus, "Be happy! Jesus is calling you." Bartimaeus jumped up and came to Jesus. Jesus asked him what he wanted. "I want to see," said Bartimaeus.

Jesus said to him, "Go. Your faith has healed you." Immediately, Bartimaeus could see.

Another day, Jesus was traveling again. As He approached a village on His way to Jerusalem, there were ten men standing a distance away from Him. These men had leprosy. Leprosy was a very serious skin disease. In those days, if you had leprosy, you had to stay away from healthy people. They might become infected with leprosy, also. These men had heard about Jesus and how He could heal people. They cried out, "Jesus! Have mercy on us!"

Jesus was always ready to heal people. He told them, "Go show yourselves to the priests." (The priests worked at the temple where people worshiped God. They would confirm that the men were really healed and safe to go home again.)

Immediately, the men with leprosy were healed. They happily went on their way. Then, one man came back. He had noticed he was healed and began to rejoice and praise God. He threw himself down at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. Jesus said, "There were ten men healed. Are you the only one to come back and give thanks for being healed? Go. Your faith has healed you."

In both stories, the ones who needed to be healed asked Jesus for mercy. Mercy is giving them a blessing, like a gift, which they have not earned—something they did not work for. Mercy was goodness from God because He loved them. In both stories, Jesus gave healing. He said, "Go. Your faith has healed you."

Because they believed without a doubt, Jesus called this "faith." We can also call on Jesus with faith. He will always hear us.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) Jesus and His followers did not have a place to live. They traveled from town to town teaching and healing people. God gave them everything they needed.
- 2) In the first story, Bartimaeus was blind. He heard Jesus coming on the road near where he was sitting. He cried out for mercy. He wanted to be able to see. Jesus healed Him. Jesus told Bartimaeus, "Your faith has healed you."
- 3) In the second story, there were ten men with a serious skin disease called leprosy. They also cried out for mercy. Jesus also healed them. As the men happily went down the road after being healed, one of the men came back. He came back and threw himself at Jesus' feet, thanking Him for healing. Jesus said, "Your faith has healed you."
- 4) Mercy is goodness God gives us because He loves us. We don't work for it. We don't earn it but we must ask for it.
- 5) Faith is believing without a doubt. We can call on Jesus with faith. He will always hear us.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) How did Jesus and His followers live?
- 2) Why did Bartimaeus cry out to Jesus?
- 3) How many men cried out to Jesus to be healed of leprosy?
- 4) How many men came back to say thank you after being healed of leprosy?
- 5) What did Jesus say to Bartimaeus and to the one man healed of leprosy?
- 6) What is faith?

ANSWERS:

- 1) Jesus and His followers traveled from town to town. God gave them everything they needed to live.
- 2) Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus because he wanted to be able to see.
- 3) Ten men cried out to Jesus to be healed of leprosy.
- 4) One man came back to thank Jesus for healing him of leprosy.
- 5) Jesus said to Bartimaeus and to the man healed of leprosy, "Your faith has healed you."
- 6) Faith is believing without a doubt.